

# Santa's Friends Are Everywhere, All with Him in Yule Joys Share.



## In the Christmas Shop

SHE was six if she was a day. She had a little fat back in a little black coat, and her wisps of red hair matched her red tam-o'-shanter. In her firm hand she held a struggling boy about a year younger, and they were getting into the elevator at a big department store and making for the toys.

The Woman Who Saw had a like destination, and when the floor was reached they got out together. Children are not allowed unaccompanied by guardians in most large shops, but such was her air of responsibility, of decorum, that it would have been a bold floor-walker who dared to question her.

Nor evidently was it her first visit. The boy, still held in leash, ran in front and made straight for the space devoted to Santa Claus, his reindeer and his sleigh piled with toys.

There was a background of fir and cedar and a huge Christmas tree, but the pair sat down before the fascinating old fellow in his red robe, his long



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white beard, holding his big whip, and from his face the small boy did not turn.

Across the room was a crèche; also a wonderful and beautiful thing—the infant Jesus in the manger, the mother in her blue robes, St. Joseph with his staff, the three kings resplendent.

The children had been perfectly still for fifteen minutes looking at Santa Claus when the little girl whispered to the boy. He squirmed, struggled, but she was too much for him. She dislodged him from his seat, dragged him to the crèche and with motherly Irish pety pressed him on his knees.

Reverently she described the holy group, then would incite devotion from a more human motive. "See the cow, Denny. You mind the cow we used to see last summer at the farm when we went on the fresh air? See the goat, Denny. You mind the goat in our alley? It's his pitcher." But Denny whined and pulled and pulled to be back again to his idol.

The little girl looked up and met the eyes of the Woman Who Saw. Her sigh was that given by every woman since the beginning, for every man for whose soul she holds herself responsible.

"I'm afraid," she said, "Denny likes Santa Claus better than he likes God."—New York Evening Sun.

### Healing Virtue In Christmas Coins.

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"Six, yo' honor," was the reply.  
"Why couldn't you get along with them?" the judge insisted.  
"Well, suh, de fust two sp'illed de white folks' clothes when dey washed 'um, de thud wot'n' no cook, de fo'th was des nacherally lazy en' de fif—I'll tell yo', jegde, de nf' she"—  
"Incompatibility?" the court suggested.  
"No, yo' honor," said the old negro slowly, "it won't nothin' lik' dat. Yo' jes' couldn't get along wid her unless yo' wuz somewhars else."—Case and Comment.

**Grease Spots on Books.**  
To remove grease spots from the pages of books, gently warm the soiled page of the book, which should have a piece of thick paper under it, by holding a hot iron at a little distance from the paper. Next press upon the spots pieces of clean blotting paper, one after another, so as to absorb as much of the grease as possible. Have ready some clear essential oil of turpentine heated almost to boiling point, warm the soiled leaf again a little, and then with a camel's hair brush apply the heated turpentine to both sides of the spotted part. If this application is repeated the stain will shortly disappear. Finally, take a clean brush, dip it in rectified spirits of wine and paint over the place.

**Charles Lamb and May.**  
Charles Lamb did not like May. Here is a fling of his against the merry month:  
"I do not mind the utmost rigor of real winter," he wrote to Bernard Barton, "but these smiling hypocrites of May wither me to death. \* \* \* What lies you poets tell about the May! It is the most ungenial part of the year, cold crocuses and cold primroses; you take your blossoms in ice—a painted sun—  
"Unmeaning joy around appears,  
And nature smiles as if she sneers."  
—Westminster Gazette.

**Evidently He Was.**  
"Larceny" was the word given out, and one man taking the examination tried to peep at the next man's paper to see how he spelled it.  
"What are you up to?" demanded the examiner sharply.  
"I don't quite understand the word, sir."  
"I think you did understand it. And, furthermore, I think you are trying to use it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**One Way to Eat Bananas.**  
It is said that the best way to eat bananas, which are now so common a diet, is to crush them with a fork, squeeze a lime or lemon over them and sprinkle them with sifted sugar. They are often eaten this way in the tropics and found to be delicious.—Pittsburg Press.

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## Yuletide Feast

It Took Much to Satisfy Our  
Seventeenth Century  
Ancestors

GERVAASE MARKHAM, who lived and wrote in the seventeenth century, gave an account of what was a proper Christmas dinner in his time. By it the appetites of former days may be judged. He says the first course should consist of "sixteen full dishes—that is, dishes of meat that are of substance and not empty or for show—as thus, for example: First, a shield of brawn, with mustard; second, a boy'd capon; third, a boy'd piece of beef; fourth, a chine of beef, roasted; fifth, a neat's tongue, roasted; sixth, a pig, roasted; seventh, chateaux, baked; eighth, a goose, roasted; ninth, a swan, roasted; tenth, a turkey, roasted; the eleventh, a haunch of venison, roasted; the twelfth, a pasty of venison; the thirteenth, a kid with a pudding in the belly; the fourteenth, an olive pie; the fifteenth, a couple of capons; the sixteenth, a custard, or dawsots. Now, to these full dishes may be added sallots, fritcases, quenelle chosens and devised paste, as many dishes more, which make the full serv-

ice no less than two and thirty dishes, which is as much as can conveniently stand on one table and in one mass. And after this manner you can proportion both your second and third courses, holding fullness on one-half of the dishes and show in the other, which will be both frugal in the splendour, contentment to the guest and much pleasure and delight to the beholder."

In those good old days and for many a year thereafter the eating of vast feasts was accompanied by special revels of the season, and to see that these were conducted with proper ceremony there was appointed at court in England and in many of the greater noble houses as well a "master of the revels." He was a necessary personage indeed, as may be seen from a passage in the "Household Book of the Northumberland Family."

"My lord useth and acoustometh yerly to gyf hym which is ordyned to be the Master of the Revels yerly in my lordis hous in christmas for the overseying and orderinge of his lordships Playes, Interludes and Dances that is playd before his lordship in his hous in the xijth dayes of Cristemas, and they to have in reward for that cause yerly xxxs."—Detroit Free Press.

"Birthdays Instead of Christmas?"  
Perish the thought. Birthdays are birthdays and Christmas is Christmas. How, then, substitute the one for the other?

From the holy birth, a birthday to be sure, but one calling for a general and not an individual celebration, gifts have been given. The first were by the wise men, remember.

If one is happy he instinctively desires to give. We cannot explain why, but we know it is so. And though many may be too unhappy or too self centered there are none so poor that they cannot give, and generously, of that spirit which makes "A Merry Christmas."

If through the year one sees what one believes would be acceptable to his friend, why not buy it, if it can be afforded, and instead of giving it on the birthday keep it for Christmas?

There is real pleasure in all that pertains to the season, even in the shopping. Try to put the spirit of it all into all you buy. That means joining the Spugs, so far as useless giving goes, and receiving from the clerks interest and courtesy.

Gifts, large or small; cards or words, money or love—nothing matters but the spirit, the Christmas spirit.

No Santa In Germany.

Santa Claus has no existence in Germany. The gifts are received from Kris Kringie, a corruption of Christ Kindeln, or the Infant Christ, "from whom cometh every good and perfect gift." They are placed not upon the tree, but upon the table beneath, to signify that in bestowing upon us his bounties our Saviour has in no way diminished his own glorious beauty. In Germany the Christmas tree is never denuded in the presence of the children. It stands in the main apartment of the establishment from Christmas to New Year's eve and is then privately borne away by the older members of the household.

